SATYA YUGA OR PRALAYA ?

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"As long as the lives of nations and the relation ...een nations are what they are, it will be absolutely ...ssible to live a supramental life on earth. So, ...: must change and that also must be dealt with."—...he Mother

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A Minimum Common Programme

1. Re-union of India under a new constitution giving full autonomy to all the states including Kashmir, leaving with the Centre only Defence, Foreign Affairs and Communication.

2. In Economics our aim is to abolish poverty and reduce to a minimum the disparity in the distribution of wealth. The State may run some key industries but private enterprize under State control should be given free scope to serve the country.

3. Communal harmony to be established by preaching the basic unity of all religions as devotion to God, observance of moral rules and service to Humanity, condemning all stupid quarrels over differences in external rites and ceremonies.

4. Establishment of World Peace by the formation of a World State with an International Army, for which India should take the initiative by bringing a resolution to this effect in the U.N. General Assembly.

The Great Betrayal

Lt Genl. B.M. Kaul in his revealing book, "The Untold Story", has not told the whole story. When on the eve of his retirement, Mr. Kaul met General J. N. Chowdhury, the latter said to him, "I know the Army was asked to drive away the Chinese in 1962 without sufficient resources. But why did not General Thaper, the then Chief of Army Staff or you (Kaul) thump the table to say 'no' to the Government in such a situation ?"

Wholly disregarding the advice of the Army Chiefs, Mr. Nehru gave orders to the Army to attack the Chinese and himself left India for Ceylon. The Chinese took that as an excuse to invade India. The Indian Army was routed, Nehru sat dumb, the Chinese entered Assam and were on the point of entering Bengal, when they were stopped by an ultimatum given by the President of U.S.A., Mr. Kennedy, who had been previously warned by Genl. Kaul himsself through Mr. Chester Bowles. But why did Nehru take that step ? He was not a fool and he knew quite well what he was doing. He was a Marxist and believed in the materialistic interpretation of history, implying that an ideal order of human society could be brought about only by the operation of economic forces and not through spirituality as the Indians believed. Like Soekarno of Indonesia and Cheddi Jagan of British Guiana, he valued Marxist cleches more than the freedom or welfare of his country. When Stalin died, he remarked that this was the age of Stalin. He knew that the Indian people

would not easily accept communism, but must be gradually taken towards that ideal. Even the milder idea of socialism was not acceptable, so he first spoke of "socialistic pattern," but he could not proceed smoothly. When the communist regime was established in China, he and his close associate, Mr. Krishna Menon, planned to establish Communism in India with the coopertion of the Chinese, and made a 'Hindi-Chin Bhai Bhai" pact. Referring to India's recognition of Chinese authrity over Tibet, Sri Aurobindo remarked at that tim-, "That is the test of the intelligence and sincerity of the Indian Govt." But the danger is not at all over. Mrs. Indira Gandhi is strictly following the policy of her father. She had hailed the Chinese army in Tibet as an Army of Liberation. Though it is well known that the Communists in India are inviting China and creating all sorts of troubles in the country, she never thought of banning the Communist Party in India. It is universally believed in West Bengal that the Congress has joined hands with the communists. Recently Mr. Atulya Ghose, the veteran Congress leader, admitted that the Indian Congress was dominated by the leftists. Caesar's wife must be above suspicion and so also the Prime Minister of India. We demand the immediate resignation of Mrs. Indira Gandhi. Rashtrapati Radhakrishnan says "We cannot forgive widespnead incompetence and gross mismnagement of our resources" Why does he not at once dismiss this Govt. and do his own duty ?

An Appeal to My Countrymen

While the various political parties including the Congress are solely occupied with the coming election, the country is faced with two gravest dangers—one caused by extensive drought (What is happening in these

States is overwhelming in extent and staggering in its consequences.—Dr. Sushila Nayar) and the other by the hostile preparations of China and Pakistan. When Pakistan chooses to invade India simultaneously at various points, China will pose threats in the North (internal conflicts will goad her to do this diversion) and the hill tribes in the North East, compelling the Indian Army to divert 12 or 13 Divisions to meet them. History is going to repeat itself most tragically. As some of our own countrymen invited Clive to oust Sirajadoulla, a powerfull Party in India today, the Communist, is inviting China to oust the Congress from power. The people of India are not sufficiently alive to the danger and a vigorous propagands is immediately needed to awaken them. We have formed the National Democratic Front with the Swatantra, Jan Sangh, Republican Party, New Swaraj Party, Jana Congress, Hindu Mahasabha, Vyavasayi Sammelan, Chashi Sangh and distinguished Independents to replace the Congress rulling Party and provide a clean and efficient Government for the country. But to meet the immediate danger we cannot wait for the elections. The new Govt., however it may be constituted, will not be able to function before April or May. In the meantime thousands may die of starvation and thirst and at any moment the country may be devastated by a concerted attack by Pakistan and China, unless the present Government radically changes its policies and programmes. If they do not, they must be replaced by a new National Government and that can be done immediately if only the will of the people can be sufficiently roused. For that no revolt or violent upheaval is necessary (though many

people are wanting it) for there is provision in the constitution itself for such a change. "The Council of Ministers holds office during the pleasure of the President." The President can at any moment dismiss the Prime Minister and appoint any other Indian to hold that post and form a new Government, provided that within six months he will have to be elected as a member of Parliament. Even if the general elections have to be hald, it is necessary that for the sake of fair election the present Goverment should be removed. Indeed a resolution to this effect was unanimously passed in a conference of All Assam workers held on the 27th Novamber, and some national leaders have demanded it.

The danger is that the general public has become indifferent through frustration and suffering, they have lost all faith in political parties and their respective slogans, People have no enthusiasm for any kind of national work, they have become utterly despondent, as they do not see any light or hope anywhere. And if bombs begin to fall on Calcutta tomorrow—which is not at all an impossibility—where will then be any scope for constructive work ? So we appeal to our countrymen: "See clearly the grave danger into which you have fallen and use the intelligence and the power that God has given to you in order to avert this danger, Make organised effort and come forword to show the way of salvation to the people who feel utterly helpless and despair,

The first thing to be firmly grasped is that the root cause of all our troubles and suffering is the fatal partition of the country When the country was partitioned in 1947, Sri Aurobindo gave the serious warning: "It

is to be hoped that the Congress and the nation will not accept the settled fact as for ever settled or as anything more than a temporary expedient. For if it lasts, India may be seriously weakened, even crippled; civil strife may always remain possible, possible even a new invasion and foreign conquest. By whatever means, the division must and will go. For without it the destiny of India might be seriously impaired and even frustrated. But that must not be. Only human imbecility and stupid selfishness could prevent it. Against that, it has been said, even the gods strive in vain; but it cannot stand for ever against the neccessity of Nature and the divine will."

The party that came to power after independence has since been marked by "imbecility and stupid selfishness" —that is why the re-unification has been sorely delayed. But now there is no time to lose. Rise my countryman! Be awakened, find your own path of safety and salvation. People are pre-occupied with all sorts of problems but no one seems bothered about the root of all of them. Recently the authorities in New Delhi appointed a "high-power" Commission to enquire into the miserable condition of lacs of refugees that have come and are still coming to West Bengal—but there is no idea in any one's head that the cursed partition has to be annulled. The Government must be made to change radically its outlook and policies. In the matter of Pakistan, it has no national policy. It declares that it wants to live in peace with Pakistan, and in the same breath it declares that Kashmir is an integral part of India. Can there be anything more stupid than this? President Ayub Khan says that even if they have to eat grass they will find means to recover Kashmir. He has collected powerful fighter planes and destructive weapons from whereever available, not simply to throw them into the Padma river. Our Defence Minister is boasting, "we are prepared to meet any aggression." Can there be anything more stupid from the military point of view than to allow the enemy the choice of the time and the place to attack?

You must not leave alone remannts of an enemy as of fire—they must be wiped out without the least delay, that is what our Shashtras say. Conquer the enemy and enjoy a prosperous kingdom", says Shri Krishna to Arjuna in the Gaeta. Let Pakistan be invited to bring about re-unification pescefully under the formula previously accepted by Mr. Jinnah himself-full autoncmy to all the provinces including Kashmir, leaving with the Centre only Defence. Foreign policy, Currency and Communications. If Pakistan do not agree, let the Indian Army march to finish the military regine of Ayub; the muslims of Bengal, the major part of Pakistan, will bless and walcome it. Other countries, in their own interest, will regmain neutral, as every body today wants to avoid a third world war except China who will not dare to intervene as she knows very well that America is only wanting for an excuse to come into grips with her. In Washingion, London, Paris and Moscow the Prime Minister was given the same advice that India should establish friendship with Pakistan. Their common interest is to prevent China from overrunning South Asia and she is taking advantage of the Indo-Pakistan tension. But is not a united India the best bastion against the expansiomiam of China? The other powers have not suggested this as neither Pakistan nor India has come forward with such a proposal. So no one will come to oppose or frustrate the re-unification of India. Our Aimy is quite equal to the task, but then there must be a strong resolute Government to back it. During the recent war with Pakistan, the Army had to give up the strategic positions they had gained on the outskirts of Labore after so much sacrifice and heroism.

That tragic irony of fate must not be repeated. But can we evpect such a recolutc policy from the present weak Government torn with internal conflict and blind to broad issucs? They have to use every ounce of their energy to keep themselves on the saddle. So I earnestly invite my countrymen to start an irresistible movement to bring into existence a National Government at this critical juncture. We have to bring immediately food and drinking water to lacs of people. Thousands of applications for tube wells are turned down by the Government on the plea that there to election-come fc reward feed millions of hungry mouths. Let these slogans come out of every mouth—

"India is one and indisislble"
"Indira Government resign",
"Bring in a National Government",
"Annul the fatal partition",

The Way Out

Since I came out to do Sri Aurobindo's political woɪk, I have been visiting various places of the country, and I find the whole country in the grip of utter confusion and despondence. People do not pay even lip service to honesty or Truth, and as Mr. S.G. Barve, Ministeɾ of Industry in the Plaming Commission himself admitted in Madres, the administration of the country is corrupt from top to bottom. This rot must be stopped, and for this the economic condition of the people must be improved by amuling the fatal partition of the country which is the root of all our evils and

awakening the people to a consciousness of their spiritual heritage, showing the essential unity of all religions and establishing communal harmony.

Indeed in the world today, as observed by Sri Aurobindo, "there is more and more a turning towards India for spiritual help and a saving Light." And the first step is to establish a National Government with these broad ideals.

It is however surprising that people in their bitterness against Congress misrule do not see the danger of aligning with the Communists who are the greatest menace to the world today, and must not be allowed to establish themselves anywhere. Sri Aurobindo wrote to a correspondent on June 28, 1950—"I do not know why you want a line of thought to be indicated to you for your guidance in the affairs of Korea. There is nothing to hesitate about. There the whole thing is as plain as "pikestaff." It is the first step in the Communist plan of campaign to dominate and take possession first of these northern regions and then of South East Asia as a preliminary to their manoeuvres with regard to the rest of the continent—in passing Tibet as a gate into India. If they succeed there is no reason why domination of the whole world should not follow by steps." Subsequent evernts have proved the utter truth of Sri Aurobindo's foresight

There is no split between Russia and China in the communist aim of world domination, their quarrel is about the leadership of the world communist movement. The communist parties of India are openly taking orders either from Russia or from China, and we must not give facility to them to engulf our fair Motherland in a Communist upheaval which is diametrically opposed to our national heritage and to everything that we honour and value in India What China has done in Tibet is suffieient proof of what Communism means for the world.

Modern Democracy was finally formulated in the great watchwords of the French Revolution Liberty, Equality, Fraternity. Liberty is the fundamental thesis and the Swatantra Party stands for it ; but as under the present condition of humanity unrestricted liberty leads to

oppression and exploitation, the control advocated by the socialists has its justification. But as social control also tends towards bureaucratic strangulation of the lives of men, a compromise has to be found, and that is known as Mixed Econmy. But that also is not completely satisfactory. Only when through a spiritual transformation of the human nature people will realise the vedantic truth of the essential unity of all men in the self or Atman, the third ideal of Fraternity will be really attained. Love, instead of conflict and competition, will be the rule of life. In the meantime all democratic forces must stand united against all forces of tyranny and injustice.

The Congress Goverment must be replaced, that is the verdict of the Indian pepo'e. If Swatantra, Jan Sangh PSP,SSP the Republican party, Hindu Mahasabha, Nationalist Muslims, Vyavasai sammelan, New Swaraj party, Chashi Sangha, Janata Congress and distinguished Independents make an adjustment in all the States, they will certainly be able to form stable coalition Government in the Centre as well as in the States with a solid majority of at least 60%. Only with such a Governmet India can do great things for her own people and the world at large. If we can thus bring together the Hindus and the Muslims, the Swatantrists and the Socialists, the foundation of a great Nation will be laid. If we lose this golden opportunity, it will be perdition.

Satya Yuga or Pralaya

Passing through thousands of years of civilisation and culture, through many ups and downs, humanity has just reached a stage when it is reasonable to expect that a new era of peace and happiness for men, the legendary Satya Yuge will be inaugurated In his State of the Union address, President Johnson has appealed to all developed and developing countries to unite and cooperate in producing sfficient food for all, There is

a universal desire and hope for peace. Recently two Chinese Buddhist monks burnt themselves to death "for the sake of peace in the world and for ending the Vietnam war." All these hopes will be fulfilled only if men turned towards God. That is why the Asuric forces who are determined to frustrate the divine design have risen up in all their strength and they have found proper instruments in the rise of modern Communism. Even India under their influence is turning away from God and staking her all on Science and Technology. "It would be a tragic irony of fate," says Sri Aurobindo, "If India were to throw away her spiritual heritage at the very moment when in the rest of the world there is more and more a turning towards her for spiritual help and a seving Light." The description of Asuric men given in the Gita applies exactly to the modern Comunists:

"The world is without God" they any, "not true, not founded on truth, brought about by a nutual union with Desire for its sole cause, a world of Chance." "Leaning on that way of seeing life, and by its falsehood ruining their souls and their reason, the Asuric men become the centre or instrument of a fierce, Titanic, violent action, a power of destruction in the world, a fount of injury and evil." (16/8,9)

Almost half of the world today is dominated by this ideology and unless this is immediately checked there is no hope for humanity. As long ae religion remains in its present state of degeneration, serving mostly as opium for the people, modern men will not be inclined towards it. Vedanta in india has remained mostly confined in books and monasteries The Gita shows the way how to bring Vedanta into liffe and this teaching must be spread as widely as possible. The gist of the teaching of the Gita is that man must up

tamas or inertia and be induced to work to their full capacity. The divine Krishna holds up his own example, though he has nothing to gain in the world, he works sleeplessly. People should work not for any selfish return or personal gain, but for the sake of God in the world, that is, for the welfare of humanity, sarvabhuta hite rata. "Be it thy supreme aim to do My work" doing all works from My sake thou fhalt attain perfection", (12/10). If all people follow the Gita and work to their full capacity selflessly for the sake of God, there will be plenty and prosperity for all and no room for conflict or exploitation. Until that stage is reached, all people should do at least some philanthropic work without asking for any return. That will be the inauguation of a new era. If men do not agree to do that, God will regard the present creation a failure and bring about a grand Dissolution or Pralaya. In her New Year's Message the Mother says:

> Men, countries, continents,
> The choice is imperative,
> Truth or Abyss.

"This multitude of existences comes into the becoming and is dissolved again and again at the coming of the Night."—The Gita 8/19

The following message of Sri Aurobindo was distributed on August 15, 1963:

About the present civilisation, it is not that which has to be saved : it is the world that has to be saved and that will ! surely be done, though it may not be so easily or so soon as some wish or imagine or in the way they imagine. The present mu[illegible] surely change, but whether by a destruction or a new constructio[illegible] on the basis of a greater Truth, is the issue. The Mother has le[illegible] this question hanging and I can only do the same.
September 1945 Sri Aurobindo.

On the 5th March, 1963 a child had an interview with th[illegible] Mother and put the following question : On the 15th August, 194[illegible] you said, "I cannot promise to you that divine will is to preserv[illegible] the present civilisation. Can you now say that the Divine has now decided to save the present human civilisation? On hearing the question, the Mother concentrated for a long time with closed eyes. Then opening the eyes she said in a distinct tone ; "It will be settled in 1967." She emphasised the word "settled" and once again said : "Do not change any word. It will be settled in 1967."—Srinvantu, August, 1963

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